

## ALBERT P. JACKSON.

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Mr. MIERS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7083.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7083) granting an increase of pension to Albert P. Jackson, submit the following report:

This bill proposes to increase the pension of the soldier named therein from \$16 to \$30 per month.

Albert P. Jackson, now 65 years of age, served as a private in Company G, Ninth Vermont Infantry, from June 6, 1862, to February 16, 1863, when discharged on surgeon's certificate of disability by reason of ascites caused by chronic peritonitis.

He is pensioned under the general law at \$16 per month for chronic diarrhea and disease of lungs, severe deafness of left ear, and slight deafness of right ear.

A claim on account of rheumatism and shell wound of the head was rejected in October, 1900, upon the ground that a ratable pensionable disability from said causes did not exist, and the action of the Pension Bureau, so far as it related to the rejection of the claim for rheumatism, was affirmed by Assistant Secretary Miller under date of May 16, 1903, and in his decision the Secretary stated that no medical certificate had shown any disability from shell wound and rheumatism, but, on the contrary, these certificates show that his rheumatism had never existed, that his lameness was due to other causes (of nervous origin), it being shown that he suffers from locomotor ataxia.

The last medical examination, made in August, 1901, showed him to be suffering from locomotor ataxia, and stated that there was twitching of the muscles of the arms, that the gait was unsteady, and that he was unable to stand with eyes closed, and also found existing the disabilities for which he is pensioned under the general law.

The affidavit of the soldier, filed in the Fifty-seventh Congress, sets forth that he has no property except some wild land in North Dakota,

which he could not sell for \$300; that he is suffering from rheumatism, heart trouble, varicose veins, and defective eyesight; that he is able to get about with difficulty; that he is entirely unable to work or to earn anything and is dependent upon the earnings of others.

His statement as to his physical and financial condition is corroborated by that of a number of prominent citizens of Menasha, Wis.

In view of the soldier's serious condition from ataxia, an increase of his pension from \$16 to \$24 per month appears just and proper.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended when the same shall have been amended as follows:

In line 8 strike out the word "thirty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-four."

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